

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 10th 2006

Theory Classes and Mentors

The Society is running a series of advertisements in various publications, including Buy and Sell, over the next month. Members of the public interested in finding out more about Amateur Radio and the license exam are invited to contact the Society. Many of the inquiries will relate to exam courses. We would be grateful if clubs running, or intending to run, exam classes would contact Sean EI7CD or Paul EI2CA with details.

No doubt we will have inquiries from individuals in locations where there are no classes available. In these cases we would like to assign 'mentors' who can encourage and support those studying for the exam. With the new Course Guide available on CD for the student, the role of the mentor is really 'non technical' and within the capability of any licensed operator. In addition IRTS will provide a support service to mentors and indeed those running courses where this is requested. If you receive a request from the Society over the next few weeks to act as a mentor, please consider it seriously. You will be performing an important service, not just to the individual student, but also to the Society and amateur radio in general.

Once again we would ask Clubs to send us details of possible classes being formed for the coming session.

SSB Field Day

Last weekend saw the annual SSB Field day contest. Three stations were active from the central location of Garbally College in Ballinasloe, The Shannon Basin Radio Club, EI3Z, Dalky Island Group, EI1DD, and the Galway Radio Club, EI4GRC. The Tipperary Radio Club had a station in Kilkenny.

Although band conditions were relatively poor, good scores are expected, with possibly a very close finish. Bad WX did not effect the weekend's enjoyment and the now famous Shannon Basin Club barbeque was a huge success, thanks to the club and to chef Tony EI3HA, as well as to Fr Niall EI4CF for the use of the fabulous college grounds.

Lets hope that next years field days can be even bigger and better. Would all stations

that took part in the field day and the 2 metres counties please forward their logs to the contest manager EI8IU by post to QTHR or via email to “contests at irts dot ie” or “briane8iu at eircom dot net”.

Jamboree On The Air

The 49th JOTA will take place during the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October 2006. Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours.

Further information including training material can be obtained from Sean EI3IP, Scouting Ireland National JOTA Organiser by emailing jota at scouts dot ie. Training material can be downloaded from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Web page at www.scouts.ie/international/jota Details of participating Groups will follow.

South Dublin Radio Club

Congratulations to the following people who participated in the Theory Course with South Dublin Radio and recently got their call-signs; Finbarr EI4GOB, Terry EI4GLB, Stephen EI4GKB and Fred EI4GMB.

The classes are continuing with SDR every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue. The classes are run on an ongoing basis with an informal structure and anyone interested in radio are welcome to drop in at any time.

For information contact Michael EI2GKB on 087-2481970.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

An Information and Registration night was held by South Eastern Amateur Radio Group recently for those wishing to sit the Theory Course over the coming winter. The meeting was well attended demonstrating the demand for classes in the area.

The classes will commence on Tuesday the 26th of September at 7.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

If more candidates register than the venue is capable of catering for, then priority will be given to those who attended the registration night and those who registered prior to the 30th of August. All others will operate on a first-come, first-served basis. For queries phone Mark, EI7IS on 087-6302026 or e-mail, "info at searg dot com".

DX and Special Events

FY/W6IZT will be QRV until the 20th of September from French Guiana. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

OD5NJ in Lebanon has been active on 30 meters around 2200 hours UTC and Maria OD5QT has been active on 20 meters around 1830 UTC.

Members of the QLF DX-Team are QRV as OJ0LA until the 14th of September in Market Reef. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LA9VDA.

Martyn, G3RFX is QRV from Gibraltar as ZB2FX until the 18th of September. QSL is via home call.

Limerick Radio Club is QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year to mark 60 years since the clubs foundation.

GB1CPB, representing GB One Century Portland Bill, will be QRV until the end of 2006, from Portland Bill Lighthouse in Dorset to commemorate 100 years operation of the lighthouse.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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